



PATENTS  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Paul Kudrna, et al.  
Application No. : 10/729,415  
Confirmation No. : 8381  
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For : Lancet Device and Method  
Group Art Unit : 3734  
Examiner : Diane Yabut

September 25, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2006, having a three-month shortened period of response set to expire by June 24, 2006. Applicant has submitted herewith a petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, thereby extending the deadline to September 25, 2006 as September 24, 2006 falls on a Sunday.

**Amendments of the Specification** are reflected in pages 2- 4 of this Reply.

**Amendments of the Abstract** are reflected in page 5 of this Reply.

**Amendments of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on pages 5-12 of this Reply.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this Reply.